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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE OZONE LAYER DUE TO
AEROSOL SPRAYS

FOR SCIATT

1. AN INTERAGENCY USG TASK FORCE IS ASSESSING ON AN
URGENT BASIS THE ISSUE OF POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE OZONE
LAYER OF THE STRATOSPHERE CAUSED BY THE PROPELLANTS USED
IN MANY AEROSOL SPRAYS. (THESE PROPELLANTS, TECHNICALLY
CHLOROFLUOROHYDROCARBONS OR FLUOROCARBONS, GO UNDER THE
TRADE NAME OF "FREON.") OTHER POSSIBLE DANGERS RESULTING
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FROM USE OF FLUOROCARBONS, OR OTHER POTENTIAL SOURCES OF

OZONE DEPLETION (E.G., SSTs) ARE NOT REPEAT NOT THE SUBJECT OF THE CURRENT STUDY.

2. THE TASK FORCE'S REPORT, WHEN ISSUED IN A FEW WEEKS, WILL SET FORTH AND DISCUSS THE STATE OF CURRENT KNOWLEDGE ON THE ISSUE (ONE WHICH HAS BEEN STUDIED QUITE ACTIVELY IN THE US IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS) AND MAY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE NEED FOR, AND SPECIFIC TOPICS OF, FURTHER STUDY AS WELL AS WHETHER OR NOT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO LIMIT OR ELIMINATE THE USE OF FLUOROCARBONS IN THE FUTURE.

3. A BRIEF INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF THE REPORT WILL

SUMMARIZE AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT HAS BEEN OR IS BEING DONE IN THE WAY OF STUDYING THE MATTER IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND MULTILATERAL FORA. IT MAY ALSO CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING DESIRABLE FUTURE COOPERATIVE BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL ACTIVITIES THE US SHOULD SEEK TO CARRY ON.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REPORT, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF ADDRESSEE POSTS COULD MAKE INQUIRIES OF HOST GOVERNMENTS AND PROVIDE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN MAY TWELFTH WITH BRIEF STATEMENT (A FEW SENTENCES WILL SUFFICE) SUMMARIZING STUDIES OR ACTIVITIES (IF ANY) BEING CARRIED OUT OR DEFINITELY PLANNED IN THE FIELD OF POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF FLUOROCARBON USE ON THE OZONE LAYER.

5. FOR LONDON: BRITISH SCIENCE ATTACHE'S OFFICE IN WASHINGTON HAS PROMISED A STATEMENT ON BRITISH ACTIVITIES (WHICH APPARENTLY ARE SO FAR LIMITED TO A STUDY OF THE STATE OF THE ART BEING CARRIED OUT BY HARWELL).

6. FOR OTTAWA: A STATEMENT OF CURRENT CANADIAN ACTIVITY HAS BEEN PROVIDED THE TASK FORCE BY DR. BRYDON OF THE CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SERVICE. DETAILS ARE BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY SCIATT. KISSINGER

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